

## Executive Director's Report

*(Prepared October 26, 2016, for the October 27-28, 2016, Board meeting)*

**BOARD FEES:** Staff is not recommending an increase in fees for licensure and other Board services in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. The Board annually reviews its fee schedule in September or October as directed by Iowa Code Section 147.80(2) to ensure that fees collected cover the agency's operating costs. The Board has not increased fees since FY2007. In FY2014, the Board reduced several fees, including medical residency licenses and criminal background checks for medical and acupuncture license applicants, and it eliminated most fees for copies of public records when the records can be delivered in electronic format. The Board does not receive a general fund allocation, but operates exclusively on fees from licensure. The Board's FY 2017 operating budget is \$4,609,861. Since FY2007, the Board has deposited \$887,500 in Iowa's General Fund from civil penalties collected in disciplinary actions.

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**INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT:** The commission overseeing the implementation of the compact is projecting the expedited licensure process could begin in early 2017. Technology, administrative rules and member support are being developed to complement the streamlined licensure process. The Pennsylvania enacted the compact on October 26, making it the 18th state to join the interstate agreement. Compact legislation is being considered in other states this fall, and more states are expected to take it up in the 2017 legislative session. The compact creates an expedited process for qualified physicians seeking medical licenses in multiple states.

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**FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS:** A FSMB workgroup on team-based regulation is seeking state board comment on a draft policy document concerning regulatory strategies for achieving greater cooperation and collaboration among health professional boards in carrying out their shared responsibility to protect the public. The workgroup will consider all comments received in drafting its final recommendations for submission to the FSMB Board of Directors in February 2017 and thereafter to the House of Delegates for consideration in April 2017.

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### **BOARD CALENDAR: October 27-December 31, 2016**

**October 27-28** – Board meeting

**November 10** – Physician Health Committee meeting

**November 11** – Office closed (Veterans Day)

**November 17** – Board teleconference meeting

**November 17-18** – Hearing dates

**November 24-25** – Office closed (Thanksgiving)

**December 8-9** – Hearing dates

**December 15-16**– Board meeting

**December 26** – Office closed (Christmas)